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IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
MARK BOWDEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director's Report

(Prepared July 22 for the July 28-29, 2016, Board meeting)

CHIEF INVESTIGATOR: James L. Graham of Perry, Iowa, has been hired as director of investigations and compliance (chief investigator), effective August 1. Mr. Graham has exceptional credentials and 15-plus years of experience in investigations, leadership and training. He has worked in law enforcement as a deputy sheriff in Dallas County and as a police officer for the Perry department. He was a paramedic specialist and supervisor for Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames and a paramedic for the Dallas County ambulance service. He earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in criminal justice, and teaches criminal justice classes and investigations at Des Moines Area Community College and at national conferences. He begins August 1, 2016.

BOARD ACTIONS: From January 1 through June 30, 2016, the Board has reviewed 377 investigative cases and has filed charges against eight licensees. In the same period, the Board issued 76 confidential letters of concern to licensees who have been the subject of investigations for competency or conduct complaints, or who had issues in their applications for licensure. In addition, the Board has waived certain requirements for licensure for three applicants.

CLARK NAMED TO FSMB COMMITTEE: Board Chair Diane Clark has been appointed to the Federation of State Medical Boards' Education Committee, which provides consultation and recommendations in the development and review of the FSMB's annual education agenda; identifies and prioritizes educational topics in accordance with the mission, vision, core values and goals of the FSMB; and evaluates education trends and opportunities to provide quality educational programming to FSMB membership.

INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT: The U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration will provide funding to support state medical and osteopathic boards as they implement the administrative and technical infrastructure of the new Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. The grant of \$250,000 annually for three years will help the Compact become operational and will support educational outreach to expand participation in the Compact by other states. The Compact's expedited licensure process is expected to begin in January 2017. Seventeen states – Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming – have joined the Compact in the past 18 months.

BOARD MEETING AT OKOBOJI: The Board is scheduled to meet at the Arrowhead Conference Center at Okoboji September 15-16. The Board meets outside of Des Moines once a year to increase its interaction with the public and to engage stakeholders in discussion on medical regulatory issues. The public meeting will include an overview of the Board and its licensure and compliance processes.

CALENDAR

(July 28- September 30, 2016)

July 28-29 – Board meeting

August 11 – Board teleconference

August 11 – Iowa Physician Health Committee meeting

August 12 – Ad hoc committee meeting on sexual orientation change efforts, 9 a.m. Holiday Inn, 1050 Sixth Street, Des Moines

September 3 – Office closed for Labor Day

September 8 – Board teleconference

September 15-16 – Board meeting, Arrowhead Conference Center, Okoboji

September 22-23 – Reserved hearing dates